



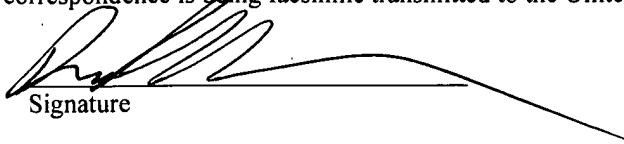
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated November 4, 2005. Please note that the period for response has been extended until April 4, 2006 by the accompanying Petition and fee. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.